

I am extremely concerned at the degree in which media is exploiting our rights as citizens and disrupting fair free air waves to fatten their back pockets.

I have always been aware and active in stopping major media conglomerates like Clear Channel and Sinclair Broadcasting from controlling the freedom of art and voice by making it financially impossible to compete in these markets. I do not want to be harrassed with this type of one-sided programming. This is almost worse than schools teaching religion. What right does Sinclair have to use free air waves to demonstrate their political opinion and not only interrupt my normal programming, but broadcast a commercial for a presidential candidate? Unless it is leveled by an anti-Bush commercial I do not see how this can justly occur. Are we really in for more socialist dictatorship like the scam of the last presidential election? If my fight and my vote doesn't keep this kind of discriminatory sickness out of the white-house you should at least be able to keep it off my t.v. Please play fair!

Sinclair
Broadcasting's

decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.